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METHOD FOR MEASURING THE CONCENTRATION OR

CHANGE IN CONCENTRATION OF A REDOX-ACTIVE

SUBSTANCE AND CORRESPONDING DEVICE

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COMMENTS ON THE EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Sir:

In reply to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance, provided with the Notice of Allowance dated September 28, 2011, Applicants submit the following comments.

The Examiner offers several reasons why the claims of the present application are allowable over the prior art of record. Although Applicants agree that the various claimed limitations mentioned in the claims are not taught or suggested by the prior art taken either singly or in combination, Applicants do not necessarily agree with any of the Examiner's characterizations of what the prior art does allegedly teach. Further, Applicants wish to emphasize that each claim should be limited solely by the limitations set forth therein and should not be limited, in any way, by Examiner's

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Statements regarding limitations not set forth therein. Finally, Applicants note that it is each claim, taken as a whole, including the interrelationships and interconnections between various claimed elements, which is allowable over the prior art of record.

Further, the application includes one (1) independent formulation of the invention inclusive of claims 1-10, 21-25 and 28. The Statement of Reasons for Allowance should not in any way effect the respective claims as these claims should be construed only based upon the limitations recited therein.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Donald J. Daley, Reg. No. 34,313, at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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